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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

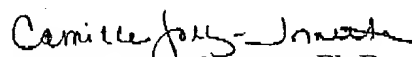
Sir:

Applicants, by their Agent, respectfully request a four (4) month extension of time, from November 2, 2003 to and including March 2, 2004 for filing the Response to Restriction enclosed herein.

This request for extension of time is neither made for the purpose of delay nor for any other improper motive.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the \$740.00 fee for this extension to Deposit Account No. 502860. Please charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502860.

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